

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: CATALANO et al.  
International App. No.: PCT/US03/01271  
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Title: CYCLOALKYL KETOAMIDES DERIVATIVES  
USEFUL AS CATHEPSIN K INHIBITORS

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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Please amend the attached application as follows:

For the purposes of adding the priority information, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 3.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13.

Abstract begins on page 14. Please substitute the attached Abstract, which has been placed on a separate sheet of paper according to US practice.